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The following report is believed to reflect
 the Serbian point of view on this topic.

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1. Ethnic rivalry among the urban population of the various Yugoslav republics has never been so strong as at present. Manifestations of contempt, grudges, hatred and resentment are daily occurrences in the relations between individuals belonging to different republics. The authorities are trying to put an end to this ethnic resentment by severely punishing the provokers and suppressing the publication of news about such occurrences, but the resentment is so strong, general and spontaneous that it can not be checked.
2. In addition to individuals, local governments, Party leaders and local high-ranking officials of the republics are fighting bitterly for the allocation of credits by the Federal Government for investment in their respective republics. As a result of this fighting, the necessity and practicality of the investment are very often not taken into consideration. Serbians especially complain that their republic does not receive an adequate allotment of credits for the investment in industry and public utilities in Serbia and Vojvodina. The Party leaders of other republics are fighting against any further investment in Serbia and Vojvodina on the grounds that this part of the country is most exposed to invasion.
3. The following examples illustrate this feeling:
 - a. Since an intensive drive began in 1954 for the investment for electrification of the country, the industry and the local population of Belgrade receive only 30 percent of the power and electricity which they had in the last year because the credits for the electrification of the country

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were allotted for electrification projects in Slovenia, Bosnia and Macedonia. Because of this fact, industrial enterprises in Belgrade are often idle for lack of power and the people are left without current.

- b. Serbian enterprises do not obtain from the courts of other republics favorable judgments in suits against the enterprises belonging to the respective republics. For example, a recent case before the court in Skoplje was lost in spite of the rightful claim of the client, VOJVODINA, Belgrade. The judges of the court did not conceal their contempt in seeing a lawyer from Belgrade presenting the case.
- c. Slovenian and Croatian Party leaders are impeding the construction of the Belgrade-Bar railroad line which is already under way. Engineer Kolovic, (fnu), a professor at Belgrade University, who was charged with making the plans and specifications for the electrification of this line, submitted them to the Federal Committee for Economy where he defended his plans and the necessity for the electrification of the line. However, the plans were rejected and the Committee decided against the electrification of the line because, according to the statement the president of the Committee, Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo, made to Kolovic, the Federal Government will not permit such a great investment due to the opposition of the Party leaders from other republics. In addition to this, Tempo stated to Kolovic that he has had much difficulty with Party leaders over the construction of this railroad and he would be happy to see the line already constructed.
- d. Serbian football teams when playing matches in Croatia are normally greeted by the Croatian public with "Cigani, Cigani" (gypsies). These cries have been loud enough to be heard over the radio.
- e. In spite of the efforts of the authorities to conceal all disagreements among Party leaders on the question of credit allotments, Deputy Milos Minic recently pleaded in the Federal Peoples Assembly for a more impartial and adequate allotment of credits for the Republic of Serbia.

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